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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for processing speech audio in a network connected client device comprising:

selecting a speech grammar for use in a speech recognition system in the network connected client device;

characterizing the selected speech grammar, said-characterizing based upon at least a size of said selected grammar and whether real-time feedback is required in said speech recognition system; and,

based on the <u>characterization</u> eharacterizing of the selected speech grammar and a processing power of the network connected client device, determining whether to process the <u>entire</u> selected speech grammar locally in the network connected client device, or remotely in a speech server in the network <u>before processing the speech audio</u>,

whereby the <u>entire</u> selected grammar is processed locally in a low processing power network connected device if the selected grammar is at least one of a small size grammar and a grammar requiring real-time feedback.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the selecting step comprises: establishing a communications session with a speech server; and,

querying said speech server for a speech grammar over said established communications session.

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